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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUNDING

REF: (A) MEXICO 1315; (B) 42967

1. PARA FOUR (E) OF REF (A) RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL
SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUNDING OF \$300,000 IN FY-1978. REF
(B) APPROVED RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST WAY TO PROVIDE THIS ADDITIONAL
FUNDING IS TO EFFECT NEW AGREEMENT DEVOTED SOLELY TO
SALARY SUPPLEMENTS. SALARY SUPPLEMENTS WERE ORIGINALLY
PROVIDED FOR THE PERIOD 04 FEB 1976 TO 03 FEB 1977 UNDER
MULTI-PURPOSE AGREEMENT DATED 04 FEB 1976, WHICH HAS
ALREADY BEEN AMENDED TWICE. WHEN IT BECAME NECESSARY
TO CONTINUE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS, \$300,000 FOR THIS PUR-
POSE WAS ADDED TO MULTI-PURPOSE AGREEMENT DATED 16
FEB 1977, WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN AMENDED THREE TIMES.
TO AVOID CONTINUED CONFUSION, WE SUGGEST A SEPARATE
AGREEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE WHICH CAN LATER BE AMENDED
TO INCREASE FUNDING LEVEL AS NEEDED.

3. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS
OF NEW AGREEMENT.

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(A) "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ADDI-
TIONAL FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$300,000), ON AN ADVANCE OR REIM-
BURSABLE BASIS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COST OF SUP-
PLEMENTS TO SALARIES IN ORDER TO AUGMENT THE PRESENT
WAGE SCALE RESTRICTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY

GENERAL FOR MEXICAN SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED TO THE PROGRAM TO CURB ILLEGAL PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS.

(B) "THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, TO SUPPORT ALL DISBURSEMENTS USING THESE FUNDS."

4. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT PROPOSED TEXT DIFFERS FROM TEXT OF 16 FEB 1977 AGREEMENT IN TWO MATERIAL RESPECTS:

(A) THE PARAGRAPH RELATED TO THE USG DOES NOT CONTAIN A TERMINATION DATE BY WHICH FUNDS MUST BE USED; AND (B) PARAGRAPH RELATING TO GOM DOES NOT CONTAIN REQUIREMENT THAT GOM "UNDERTAKE TO PROPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF PRESENT WAGE SCALE RESTRICTIONS" OR "ASSURE ADEQUATE BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO MEET SUCH COSTS" SUBSEQUENT TO A SPECIFIED DATE.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT INSERTING A TERMINATION DATE SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE SINCE, AS NOTED IN REF (A), WE EXPECT THAT SALARY SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY AT LEAST THROUGH FY-1980, AND POSSIBLY BEYOND. SIMILARLY, WE FEEL IT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ADD THE "UNDERTAKE TO PROPOSE THE ELIMINATION" REQUIREMENT, BOTH BECAUSE IT IS ILLOGICAL (TO WHOM, OTHER THAN ITSELF, COULD THE GOM MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL?) AND BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT, DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, USG GETS MORE MILEAGE OUT OF THESE FUNDS THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE PROGRAM. IT PERMITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US ACCESS TO THE PAYROLLING OF GOM PERSONNEL SO THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY WHO IS DOING WHAT, AND IT GENERATES TREMENDOUS GOODWILL FOR THE USG AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL, AS ALL OF THE PILOTS AND MECHANICS RECEIVING SALARY SUPPLEMENTS KNOW THAT A PORTION OF THEIR PAY COMES FROM THE USG.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AGREEMENT RECOMMENDED IN PARA THREE ABOVE. LUCEY

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